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METRO TO HOLD FOUR SCOPING MEETINGS IN OCTOBER TO REVIEW PLANS FOR WILSHIRE BOULEVARD BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT

Four scoping meetings will be held between Oct. 5 and 13 along the Wilshire Corridor of Los Angeles to discuss the proposed Bus Rapid Transit project on Wilshire Boulevard and solicit public comment.

Metro, the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County are considering the feasibility of implementing a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project on Wilshire Boulevard. This joint effort will be evaluated through the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA).

The EIR/EA, which will be prepared in compliance with state and federal environmental requirements, will examine the potential for dedicated curbside bus lanes during the morning and evening rush hours along Wilshire Boulevard from just west of the I-110 freeway to the Santa Monica city line, excluding the City of Beverly Hills.

Evaluation of the Wilshire BRT Project began in November 2008 as part of preparing an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment. An EIR/EA is now being prepared as a consequence of input received at several community meetings held along the corridor at that time, additional public input, and technical analysis that have been conducted.

The public is encouraged to attend any of the four upcoming scoping meetings to learn more about the Wilshire BRT Project and Project Alternatives. These meetings will provide the public the opportunity to comment on the project and any potential effects of the project that should be considered in the Draft EIR/EA. The content presented by staff at these four meetings will be identical, so the public can attend the meeting at the time and location most convenient for them.

The following is a list of the four scoping meetings to be held in October:

- Monday, Oct. 5, 6-8 p.m., Felicia Mahood Senior Center, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles
- Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6-8 p.m., Wilshire United Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles
- Thursday, Oct. 8, 6-8 p.m., Westwood Presbyterian Church 10822 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles
- <u>Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6-8 p.m.</u>, Good Samaritan Hospital, Moseley-Salvatori Conference Center, 637 Lucas Ave, Los Angeles

All meeting locations are accessible by public transit. Patrons can go to metro.net to plan their trip. Parking is also available. Garage parking at Good Samaritan Hospital is not validated and the cost is \$8. For additional information or questions, please visit the Wilshire Bus Rapid Transit EIR/EA website at metro.net/wilshire.